GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Export Performance
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of Indian exports in terms of both rupees and US dollars, respectively in the financial years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and in the current financial year, so far;

(b) the details of commodities facing downtrend in exports and the reasons for slowdown; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote the exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 343 FOR ANSWER ON 27th MARCH, 2017
REGARDING "EXPORT PERFORMANCE"

(a): The value of India's merchandise exports in terms of both rupees and US dollars during last three years and the current year is as follows:

Years	Value of exports (In terms of Rupees crores)	(in terms of US$ billions)
2013-14	1905011.09	314.42
2014-15	1896445.47	310.35
2015-16	1716378.05	262.29
2016-17 (April-Feb)*	1648743.26	245.41

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (* Provisional)

(b): The details of group of commodities facing downtrend exports during 2015-16 as compared to previous year is enclosed at Annexure-I. The reasons for slowdown in exports include the following:

i. Fall in global demand and fall in commodity prices, impacting terms of trade for commodity exporters.
ii. Fall in the prices of petroleum crude resulting in consequent decline in prices as well as export realizations for petroleum products, which are major items of exports for India.
iii. EU countries that account for nearly 16% of India's export are facing problems of stagnation and deflation. China is also experiencing a slowdown. The recovery in US has been moderate and uncertain in terms of sustainability.
iv. Fall in demand of precious goods like Pearls, Precious and Semi-Precious stones, especially from oil producing countries.

(c): The Government has taken following steps to promote country's exports:
(i) The New Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) was announced on 1st April, 2015 with a focus on supporting both manufacturing and services exports.
(ii) The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015 and is a major export promotion scheme implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. MEIS aims to incentivize export of merchandise which is produced/ manufactured in India. Rewards @ 2-5% under MEIS are payable as a percentage of realized FOB value of
covered exports, by way of the MEIS duty credit scrip, which are transferable and can also be used for payment of a number of duties including the basic customs duty. At present, 7914 tariff lines at 8 digit HS Codes are covered under MEIS scheme.
(iii) The Government has also launched Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) in the FTP 2015-2020. The Scheme provided rewards to service providers of notified services who are providing service from India. The rate of reward under the scheme would be based on net foreign exchange earned. The present rates of reward are 3% and 5%.
(iv) The Government is implementing the Niryat Bandhu Scheme with an objective to reach out to the new and potential exporters including exporters from Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and mentor them through orientation programmes, counseling sessions, individual facilitation, etc., on various aspects of foreign trade for being able to get into international trade and boost exports from India.
(v) As part of the "Ease of Doing Business" initiatives, the Government has launched Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade

(SWIFT) clearances project w.e.f 1st April, 2016. The scheme enables the importers/exporters to file a common electronic 'Integrated Declaration' on the Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway i.e. ICEGATE portal. The Integrated Declaration compiles the information requirements of Customs, FSSAI, Plant Quarantine, Animal Quarantine, Drug Controller, Wild Life Control Bureau and Textile Committee. It replaces nine separate forms required by these 6 different agencies and Customs.

(vi) Interest Equalization Scheme on pre & post shipment credit launched to provide cheaper credit to exporters.

(vii) Further, the Government continues to provide the facility of access to duty free raw materials and capital goods for exports through schemes like Advance Authorization, Duty Free Import Authorization (DFIA), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) and drawback / refund of duties.

(viii) A new scheme called Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) has been announced by the Government with the objective to enhance export competitiveness by bridging gaps in export infrastructure, creating focused export infrastructure, first mile and last mile connectivity for export oriented projects and addressing quality and certification measures. The Central and State Agencies, including Export Promotion Councils, Commodities Boards, SEZ Authorities and Apex Trade Bodies recognised under the EXIM policy of Government of India are eligible for financial support under this scheme.

(ix) The Government has approved the proposal for notification of commitments under the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of World Trade Organization (WTO), ratification and acceptance of the Instrument of Acceptance of Protocol of TFA to the WTO Secretariat and constitution of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF). The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) contains provisions for expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit. It also sets out measures for effective cooperation between customs and other appropriate authorities on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues. These objectives are in consonance with India's "Ease of Doing Business" initiative. The Trade Facilitation Agreement shall enter into force for the notified members upon acceptance by two-third WTO Members.

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Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (b) of Lok Sabha Starred question no. 343 for answer on 27th March 2017.

(Figures in Rs. Crore)

Commodities	2014-15	2015-16	% Growth in 2015-16 over 2014-15
Other meat	2.67	0.00	-100.00
Raw hides and skins	11.44	1.82	-84.06
Wheat	4991.81	1061.77	-78.73
Other cereals	5262.16	1702.50	-67.65
Guergam meal	9478.26	3233.87	-65.88
Newsprint	48.79	17.55	-64.03
Iron ore	3142.81	1263.19	-59.81
Processed meat	14.20	6.16	-56.58
Oil meals	8129.18	3599.56	-55.72
Petroleum products	346082.49	199638.27	-42.31
Nickel, product made of nickel	5526.55	3210.56	-41.91
Ship, boat and floating structure	32155.78	20027.42	-37.72
Sesame seeds	4717.77	3012.31	-36.15
Aircraft, spacecraft and parts	37747.83	24203.36	-35.88
Iron and steel	53075.14	35830.23	-32.49
Natural silk yarn, fabrics, madeup	762.91	548.24	-28.14
Project goods	224.44	164.53	-26.69
Rice(other than basmati)	20441.55	15483.39	-24.26
Shellac	267.47	203.31	-23.99
Other crude minerals	927.46	709.37	-23.51
Dairy products	2169.03	1677.32	-22.67
Copper and products made of copper	20938.58	16580.56	-20.81
Dye intermediates	1460.80	1183.13	-19.01
Silk waste	109.12	89.81	-17.70
Rice -basmati	27586.71	22718.60	-17.65
Leather footwear component	2209.09	1861.51	-15.73
Finished leather	8129.49	6850.96	-15.73
Other oil seeds	1135.36	964.47	-15.05
Jute yarn	138.74	118.56	-14.54
Rmg silk	1857.36	1587.56	-14.53
Consumer electronics	4937.32	4274.61	-13.42
Products of iron and steel	46266.00	40114.20	-13.30
Groundnut	4675.37	4075.63	-12.83
Railway transport equipments, parts	827.46	723.63	-12.55
Telecom instruments	6550.79	5759.36	-12.08
Animal casings	19.33	17.02	-11.94
Gold and other precious metal jewellery	80892.15	71853.24	-11.17
Sports goods	1674.08	1487.15	-11.17

Alcoholic beverages 2264.89 2030.92 -10.33
Other textile yarn, fabric madeup articles 2443.92 2196.32 -10.13
Commodities 2014-15 2015-16 % Growth in 2015-16 over 2014-15
Auto tyres and tubes 10070.94 9077.52 -9.86
Vegetable oils 580.13 522.94 -9.86
Bicycle and parts 2166.12 1955.60 -9.72
Cashew 5565.85 5027.99 -9.66
Processed minerals 6324.78 5720.51 -9.55
Hand tool, cutting tool of metals 4620.64 4190.04 -9.32
Rmg wool 1878.11 1707.84 -9.07
Buffalo meat 29282.58 26684.22 -8.87
Zinc and products made of zinc 3755.31 3434.57 -8.54
Other rubber product except footwear 6543.36 6035.84 -7.76
Other non ferrous metal and product 3060.63 2826.46 -7.65
Marine products 33688.38 31219.43 -7.33
Floor covering of jute 238.90 222.32 -6.94
Manmade yarn, fabrics, madeups 32254.59 30219.03 -6.31
Prime mica and mica products 119.26 112.10 -6.00
Ic engines and parts 14669.67 13790.81 -5.99
Dyes 12998.21 12255.52 -5.71
Other plastic items 2567.79 2426.92 -5.49
Cement, clinker and asbestos cement 2313.51 2201.11 -4.86
Paint, varnish and allied products 4087.04 3893.16 -4.74
Jute, raw 119.20 113.58 -4.71
Human hair, products thereof 2057.74 1968.02 -4.36
Ac, refrigeration machinery etc 7140.92 6860.49 -3.93
Saddlery and harness 994.83 958.36 -3.67
Organic chemicals 32970.90 31797.20 -3.56
Pearl, precious, semiprecious stones 151292.94 146099.30 -3.43
Other miscellaneous chemicals 4543.18 4403.80 -3.07
Granite, natural stone and product 12336.05 11982.59 -2.87
Pumps of all types 4731.05 4623.84 -2.27
Other construction machinery 7197.56 7047.14 -2.09
Cotton yarn 24103.19 23602.19 -2.08
Leather garments 3695.21 3621.16 -2.00
Castor oil 4710.42 4616.10 -2.00
Medical and scientific instrument 6607.43 6478.64 -1.95
Inorganic chemicals 4179.38 4116.56 -1.50
Processed vegetables 1721.89 1697.21 -1.43
Aluminium, products of aluminium 17535.53 17284.93 -1.43
Electric machinery and equipments 24302.16 24148.97 -0.63
Coir and coir manufactures 1724.74 1717.48 -0.42